Acting clerks in the office of the Director of Public Instruction.

114. ✻MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of the acting clerks in the office of the Director of Public Instruction on 15-2-1109 with the periods of their acting service and the order of seniority :

(*b*) the number of vacancies that have subsequently occurred till 17-3-1109, with the names and claims of persons appointed to such vacancies, and the dates of such appointments ; and

(*c*) if any person included in the answer to part (*a*) has been relieved during the period, the reasons for the same ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

		Years.	Months.	Days.
(*a*) Messrs.	P. Gopala Pillai	5	0	6
	V. C. Kuruvilla	2	5	18
	C. S Ramachandran Potti	1	6	14
	V. P. Karunakaran Nair	0	0	3

(*b*) One Mr. K. K. Chinnameeran Rowther Sahib B. A. was appointed to act from 26-2-1109.

(*c*) One was relieved. His work was not found satisfactory.

Supply of drinking water.

115. ✻MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what has been done by them subsequent to the last meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly in the matter of supplying good drinking water to places where it is not available ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : 2 wells in the Trivandrum Division and 2 in the Nagercoil Division have been newly sunk ; 3 wells in the Nagercoil Division have been improved or repaired; and steps are being taken by the P. W. D. for sinking 21 wells, 8 in the Kottayam Division, 7 in the Quilon Division, 3 in the Trivandrum Division and 3 in the Nagercoil Division.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know from the member whether Government have ascertained the extent of inhabited lands in Travancore ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have got a rough idea as to where good drinking water is not available but they have not made correct estimates of schemes for the supply of water where it is required.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know from the member whether Government have received any representation from the people of Chirayinkil that good drinking water is not available ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, they may have.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether Government have started the sinking of two wells and have dropped half-way?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Village Panchayat Court at Thrikkakara.

116. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any representation for the starting of a Village Panchayat Court at Thrikkakara; and

(*b*) the decision of the Government in the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Teaching of Arabic in Schools.

117. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of schools where provision for Arabic teaching to Muslim students was made during the last three years and

(*b*) the number of schools recommended for Arabic instruction being imparted during the period?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 28.

(*b*) 37.

Arabic Munshies.

118. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of schools in which Arabic Munshies are appointed;

(*b*) whether there is any representation for appointing Arabic Munshies in any other school in the State; and

(*c*) if so how many?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 67.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 5.

Muslims who have passed the Arabic Munshies' Test.

119. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Muslims who have passed the Arabic Munshies' Test (higher and lower grade) and

(*b*) of these how many are appointed?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Higher grade 21.

Lower grade—133.

(*b*) 118.

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